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SUBJECT: NEARLY 400 RESCUED BUT 200 MISSING AT SEA IN MIGRANT SMUGGLING TRAGEDY REF: A. ROME 205 B. TRIPOLI 212 C. VALLETTA 143 TRIPOLI 0000027

- 1.(C) Summary: Rescuers have saved nearly 400 migrants from disabled and capsized vessels off Libya's coast, although over 20 bodies have been ONE SHIP CAPSIZED, ONE DISABLED BUT UPRIGHT
- 2.(C) The latest tragedy to befall migrants attempting the maritime crossing from Libya to European shores began to unfold in the early hours c
- 3.(C) BBC News reported that Libyan officials have called off the search for survivors. The Italian embassy reported that two additional boats
- 4.(C) According to the International Organization for Migration (IOM), the 356 rescued from the disabled ship have been sent to two detention c
LIBYA RESPONSIVE TO ITALIAN REQUESTS, THOUGH OUTSIDE OF AGREED PROTOCOLS
- 5.(C) These tragic deaths and dramatic rescue come within weeks of two Search and Rescue (SAR) agreements Libya has signed with European neigh
RESCUE HIGHLIGHTS SHIFTING TREND IN MIGRATION PATTERNS, LITTLE SLOWDOWN DUE TO EU ECONOMY
- 6.(C) Comment: Photographs of the disabled vessel towed into harbor show that it was heavily laden with passengers. The recent trend here has b